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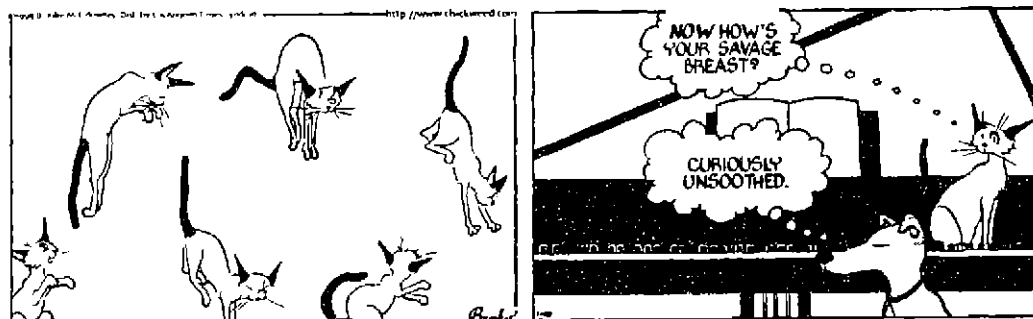
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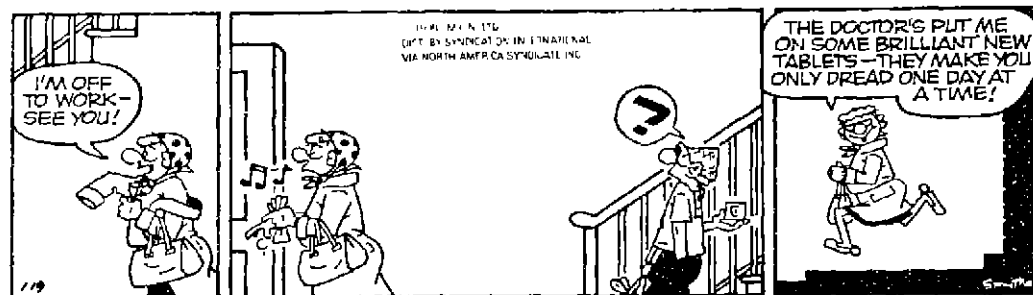
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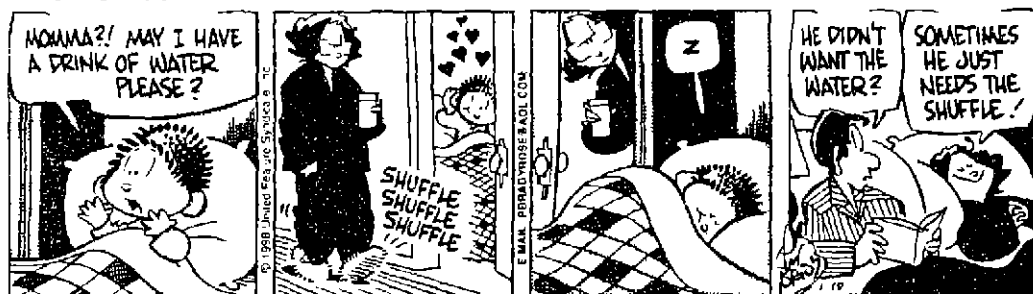
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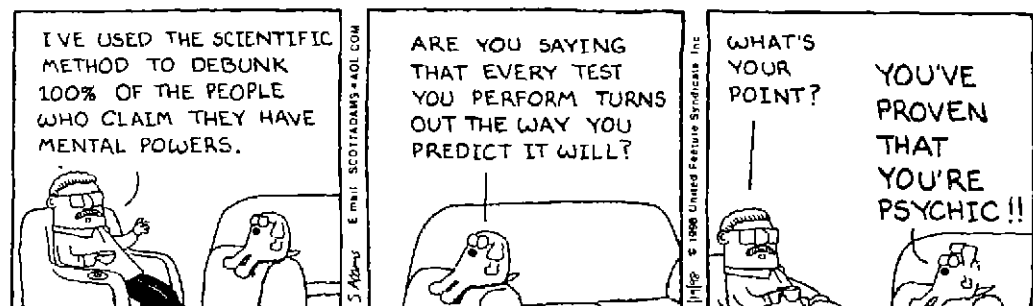
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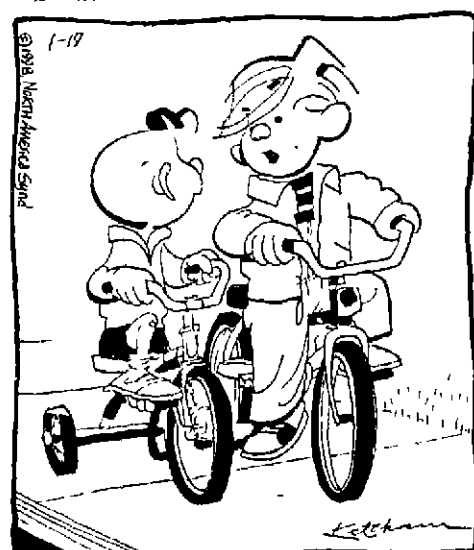
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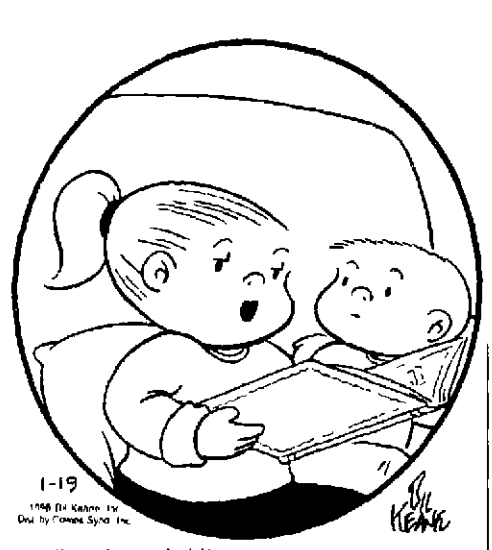
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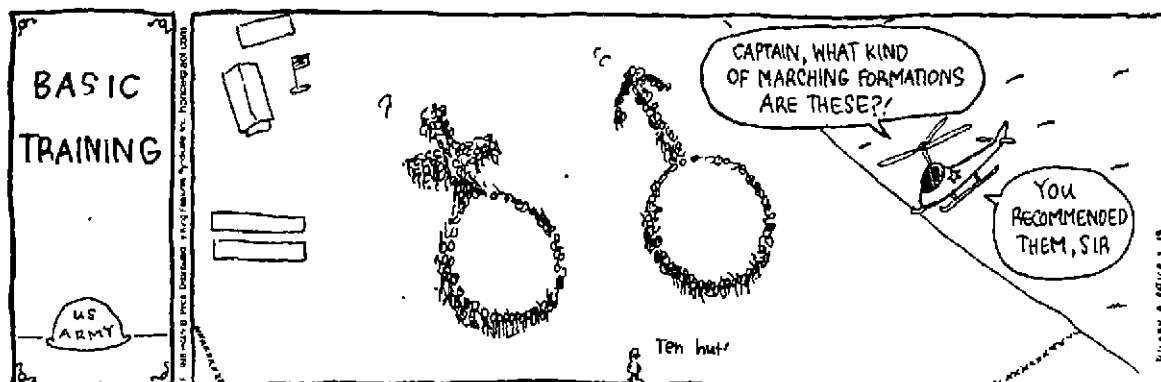
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Jean Stapleton is 75. Former PBS newsmen Robert MacNeil is 67. Actress Tippi Hedren is 63. Singer Phil Everly is 59. Actress Shelley Fabares is 54. Country singer Dolly Parton is 52. Singer Robert Palmer is 49. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 45. Actress Kaley Sagal is 42. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 41. Tennis player Stellan Edberg is 32. Actor Shawn Wayans is 27.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 115-125
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chamblee). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-19-98 © 1998 United Up on Syndicate Inc.

RACK 1: K, A, E, Q, C, R, S
RACK 2: V, L, H, F, J, A, O
RACK 3: S, N, N, C, I, O, G
RACK 4: T, T, E, E, E, D, N

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Words with a "plan"

OWTQENKIFCEZEWU
RPRMJNHECXZNXS
QNLE SWAMPLANDJG
ECZTTXTLVLRPNL
JHECENALPRIAAYW
VTRPANARNALKSIG
ECBLAPALAKEZTSX
WUPTLWSLPNNSNR
PMIAOMLJPGAAAAI
IONGEDBAYIGLLX
NDNALPUWUTBEPSS

Saturday's unlisted clue: YIELD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: Revolves Around The Sun

Airplane	Implant	Plans	Swamp
Biplane	Lapland	Planter	Upland
Eggplant	Planar	Plants	Warplane
Explanation	Plank	Seaplane	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Partners are mentally perceptive. You could be uncertain about how to deal with a child, so make sure your rules and regulations are clear.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Friends give good advice, but one of them might not want to join you at an upcoming social event. Still, all's well that ends well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) After hearing a variety of differing opinions, you'll find that you're your own best adviser. Friends afford mental stimulation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend is wishy-washy, but you'll reach an understanding. Don't waste your time with triflers.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A child will respond to discipline. Stand up for your convictions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A lot of time could be wasted before you reach a decision that will truly work. After-dinner hours are best for communication.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Seek a fresh opinion about a career matter. Domestic life requires patience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Interruptions affect work efficiency. Be willing to make new acquaintances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Impromptu purchases are likely. Closer relationships will require a give-and-take approach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You feel somewhat introverted. Vary your routine to get out of the doldrums.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You'll need to take extra care with financial matters. Heed the advice of a close friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Creative activities go better than career interests. A pushy manner will offend a higher-up.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Playing too quickly to the first trick is the cause of many poor results. It's only slightly less hazardous at trick two. Pick up today's East hand and defend against a no-trump game. After you win your spade ace, what do you lead to trick two? Those who always return partner's lead lose any chance of beating game. South ducks a spade return at trick two, and West wins his queen but what next? Regardless of what West does now, South has time to knock out the club ace and score an overtrick. Slower play by East doesn't guarantee a better result, but it does give him time to think. What should he think about? West's spade deuce tells him West has led from a four-card suit. Just as important, East can conclude that South also has four spades. And because South most likely holds either the king or queen of spades, a spade continuation would be unproductive. Once spades are rejected, the door opens to a better play. Instead of returning an "automatic" spade, East should shift to the heart jack. This alert shift will succeed whenever West holds either top honor. In today's layout, the heart shift spells curtains for South. The heart suit is established while East still has the club ace, and instead of an overtrick, South must swallow a one-trick set.

NORTH 01 19 A
♠ J 8 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A 7
♣ J 9 8 6

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ K 7 4 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 5 3

EAST
♠ A 5
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ A 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K 9 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ K J 6
♣ K 10 7

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South 1 NT, West Pass, North 3 NT, East All pass

Opening lead: Spade deuce

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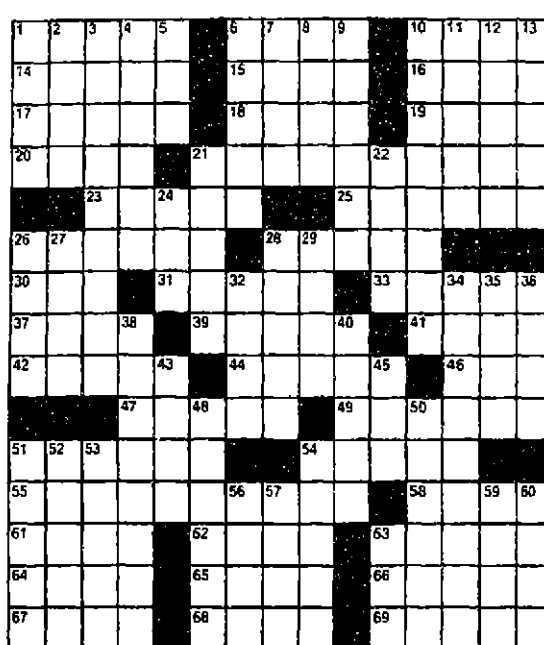
- 1 "I give up!"
- 6 Does and bucks
- 10 Writer Hunter
- 14 Environment-friendly energy choice
- 15 Gather leaves
- 16 It's full of shafts
- 17 French love affair
- 18 Products of a 16-Across
- 19 Customer
- 20 Hatfield-McCoy affair
- 21 Place of bliss
- 23 Sick-on
- 25 "Here's to you!" and others
- 26 Hotelier Hilton
- 28 Make drunk
- 30 Prefix with cycle
- 31 Cut into cubes
- 33 Electrical pioneer Nikola
- 37 Billions of years
- 39 House of the Seven Gables site
- 41 Exhibition
- 42 Gloomy, in poetry
- 44 "All sales —"
- 46 Playwright Burrows
- 47 Flood embankment
- 49 Displayed ennu
- 51 Entertain, as with stories
- 54 1924 Ferber novel
- 55 Place of bliss
- 58 Irish offshoot
- 61 ——— mutual
- 62 Worker protection org
- 63 From Mars, say
- 64 Margin
- 65 Airline to Tel Aviv
- 66 Sat and did nothing
- 67 Requisite
- 68 Specks
- 69 Pre 1917 Russian rulers

DOWN

- 1 It has its academy in Colo. Spr.
- 2 Alaskan outpost
- 3 Place of bliss
- 4 Cosmetician Estee
- 5 Flub
- 6 Openly salivate
- 7 Make, as money
- 8 Managed, with out
- 9 Adjusts, as a clock
- 10 Copies
- 11 Travel papers
- 12 Regarding
- 13 Hardly hipsters
- 21 African waterbeds
- 22 Plant anchorer
- 24 No-goodnik
- 26 Prompted

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ELEM FLASH ABE
NAVE SAIDTO CUD
CROPUZZLES CRI
OILHOLE EVE IDS
DAVYCT PRERADIO
ETE HALL SHEEN
SENTUP SHIN
DISARMAMENT
ERN SAVANT
BRIAR GELD ISM
AMBIENCE PRONCE
LAB COO SAUCERS
TEL ALLPOINTSIN
ICE STOOLS ESME
CKS TENTO TESS



Puzzle by Mary E. Brindamour

- 27 ——— about (circa)
- 28 Contradict
- 29 Paradise
- 32 Eatery
- 34 Place of bliss
- 35 Earring site
- 36 In wonderment
- 38 On the payroll
- 40 Giuliani e.g.
- 43 Depend (on)
- 45 Inventor's workplace
- 48 Said no to
- 50 Exercises, as authority
- 51 Come of age
- 52 Get around
- 53 Stuff to the gills
- 54 Flipped animals
- 56 Nobel Peace Prize city
- 57 One of the five W's
- 58 Séance holder
- 60 Quashes
- 63 River islet

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